HCC –Quiz 10 – Chapter 6 – 3-8-17  
  
1. What are the terms for office for members of the legislature?   
a. Texas senators are elected for four-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for two-year terms.   
b. Texas senators are elected for four-year staggered terms, as are representatives.   
c. Texas senators are elected for six-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for two-year terms.   
d. Texas senators are elected for two-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for four-year terms.   
  
2. Which group is underrepresented in the legislature relative to their percentages in the general population?   
a. Hispanics   
b. Asians   
c. Females   
d. All of the above   
  
3. All Texas legislators are elected using   
a. multiple-member districts.   
b. floating districts.   
c. single-member districts.   
d. regional districts.   
  
4. Which profession is the most frequently represented in the U.S. legislature?   
a. Law   
b. Medical   
c. Teachers   
d. Business   
  
5. According to your text, which statement best describes the Texas legislators?   
a. They receive most of their income from outside sources.   
b. They are more focused on their full-time careers.   
c. They are more focused on outside sources of income than on the public interest.   
d. All of the above.   
  
6. Because of a history of discrimination, Texas was once one of nine states required to receive preclearance of any changes to their voting laws from the   
a. Department of Justice.   
b. Texas Attorney Generals Office.   
c. Governor of Texas.   
d. Texas Supreme Texas.   
  
7. Which of the following is not correct about gerrymandering?   
a. Gerrymandering is used to protect a first-time candidate.   
b. Gerrymandering uses a pairing technique that redistricts two or more incumbent legislators’ residences or political bases so that both are in the same district.   
c. Gerrymandering is used to concentrate minorities in one district.   
d. Gerrymandering diffuses a concentrated political or ethnic minority among several districts so that votes in any one district are negligible.   
  
8. Which two individuals are the presiding officers of the state legislature?   
a. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house   
b. The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore   
c. The president pro tempore and the governor   
d. The speaker of the house and the secretary of state   
  
9. Which legislative committee strongly influences the expenditure of funds for all divisions of state government?   
a. The Legislative Research Council   
b. The Legislative Audit Committee   
c. The Appropriations Committee   
d. The Sunset Advisory Board   
  
10. What is a blocking bill?   
a. A bill placed early on the senate calendar each session   
b. A bill used by a standing committee to kill legislation   
c. A bill placed early on the house calendar each session   
d. An appropriation committee bill used to block funds from a state agency 